

**Comments on the proposed designation of *Spirifer multistriatus* Hall, 1857 as the type species of *Trematospira* Hall, 1859 (Brachiopoda)**

(Case 3007; see BZN 53: 264–266)

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I write in strong support of Alvarez's application. As Alvarez points out, I and my colleagues used *Spirifer multistriatus* as the type species in the first edition of the Brachiopoda volume of the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*; many others have done so since. To switch things back to the position unintentionally set up by Davidson would confuse things for all of us. Alvarez very effectively sets out the problem and makes it clear that Davidson was not really involved with the understanding of this endemic, North American brachiopod, but included it in his monograph for the sake of completeness; I doubt if he had specimens in London available for study. This being the case, it makes good sense to me, as one of the taxonomists who has actually studied the genus, that we should follow Hall's obvious intentions based on his knowledge of the shells involved.

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I write in support of the proposal by Fernando Alvarez to designate *Spirifer multistriatus* Hall, 1857 as the type species of *Trematospira* Hall, 1859. The argument put forward is sound and merits the action proposed.

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I consider Alvarez's application as soundly based and valuable.

**Comment on the proposed precedence of *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 over *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911 (Insecta, Hymenoptera)**

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We wish to express our strong support for the application to conserve the generic name *Metaphycus* Mercet, 1917 in favour of *Aenasioidea* Girault, 1911. As the